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Laura Taylor Marigold's new Assistant Director

Marigold has announced the appointment of Laura Taylor as Assistant Director, effective October 5, 2009. Laura has been a consultant who has made a clear difference at Marigold since June 2006. Her work with the member library managers and local boards, as well as consortia groups and other systems across the province means she has her finger on the pulse of Marigold right from the get go. She looks forward to serving Marigold in her new role.

Laura has worked with public libraries, regional systems and school libraries for eleven years. Prior to Marigold she was head librarian at Weyburn and Brooks Public Libraries, and also a branch librarian at Village Square Branch (Calgary Public Library) where she was instrumental in launching "It's A Crime Not To Read," a literacy skill-building program for elementary school children in partnership with Calgary Police Service. This innovative program has won numerous awards and recognition across North America.

Laura has a BA in English from the University of Calgary, and Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Alberta. Director Michelle Toombs notes "Laura's appointment is an important step in our commitment to organizational sustainability; with a second-in-charge, we are building strength in our organization with a professional librarian who is able to make and carry out important decisions, particularly in the absence of the Director. I am delighted to work closely with Laura in the months to come and wish her the very best."

With its headquarters centrally located in Strathmore, Marigold provides leadership and library resources to the interdependent network of its members, which serve 220,254 residents of south central Alberta through 35 libraries, 15 paperbacks deposits and a paperbacks-by-mail service.

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